

government service functions by bringing the Office of State Personnel and Information Technology Services within the Department of Management and administration.

The plan will also consolidate and reduce support functions such as public affairs, personnel, purchasing, finance, planning and accounting.

The only change to the governor's original plan is a provision to leave the Office of State Controller as a free-standing, fully independent office. This will better protect the state's AAA bond rating, as an independent controller is a key consideration for bond rating agencies when they review a state's finances.

"Consolidating, reorganizing and shrinking state government is no different than what families and businesses across this state have done to do to meet their own needs," the governor said. "Those families and businesses are doing more with less by cutting out non-essential items, working harder and working smarter. They have reduced their needs – not because they wanted to – but because they had to. State government must do the same."

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